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TAGS: PREL, MR, RW, FR

SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN CONTINGENT IN RWANDA

1. THE GIRM HAS DECIDED TO DISPATCH A MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM TO RWANDA, PRESUMABLY AS PART OF THE UMAMIR OPERATION. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE TEN-MEMBER TEAM, COMPOSED OF FOUR PHYSICIANS AND SIX NURSES, DEPARTED JULY 4 FOR RWANDA. THE GIRM DEFENSE MINISTER PRESIDED OVER A DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR THE GROUP, WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR MICHEL RAIMBAUD AND HIS DEFENSE ATTACHE ALSO ON HAND.

2. COMMENT: THIS MAY BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE GIRM
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HAS PARTICIPATED IN SUCH A UN-SPONSORED OPERATION IN AFRICA. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE GIRM DECIDED TO SEND A TOKEN CONTINGENT TO RWANDA IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM FRANCE, MAURITANIA'S LARGEST AID DONOR. GIVEN THE GIRM'S MEAGER RESOURCES, WE ALSO THINK IT LIKELY THAT THE GOF AGREED TO COVER ALL COSTS INCURRED BY MAURITANIA'S TEAM. END COMMENT.

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